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Schedule of Services

Sunday:
Bible Class..... 9:00 a.m.
AM Worship... 10:00 a.m.
PM Worship.... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:
Bible Study.... 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday:
Ladies' Bible Class(Sept.–Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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SECRETARIES

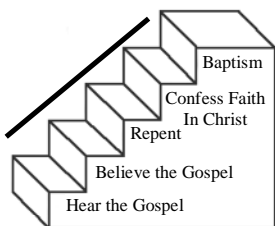
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

**THE GOSPEL PLAN
OF SALVATION**

Hear-Romans 10:17
Believe-John 8:24
Repent-Acts 17:30
Confess-Romans 10:10
Be Baptized-Acts 22:16
Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



A God-A Being

Don Hatch

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Such the Bible teaches and such we believe, for within the Bible is the only knowledge for faith, practice and guide to interpret the mysteries of the earth’s origin and future. Six literal days of creation are presented and the creation of man was on the 6th. Sin entered into the world by the temptation of Eve by the serpent (Satan Gen 3:1-4; 1 Tim 2:6-15). Moral and spiritual deterioration followed. After generations the family of man became so wicked that God determined to destroy all of mankind (Gen 6).The Genesis account of the worldwide flood describes a flood of such magnitude that all air breathing things were destroyed with the exception of those in the Ark of Noah.

For millenniums mankind has accepted what the Bible taught in a literal sense with little or no question. The earth is understood to be 6000 years old. The assumption was that the crust of the earth which bears fossils was laid down during the catastrophic worldwide flood. This is a natural inference to be drawn on the basis of a literal and historical reliable biblical text. Christianity has no quarrel with science when it maintains its disciplines but when its philosophical presuppositions war against the Bible something must be said to contradict their message.

The serious minded Christian desires to accept truth both of science and the Bible. Frequently one finds that there are the so called “horns of dilemma” upon which decisions must be made. As uncomfortable as it may be evidence must be sought and weighted to obtain the truth.

Christianity believes in revelation, being born again, personal responsibility for actions and related to all of this is the need to believe in a God who has a personality. If one does not believe in a God who has a personality it is folly to believe that someone spoke (revelation). One cannot believe in being born again unless there is one who tells how, why, where, when, who and what actions must be taken. One cannot be born again of a cosmic law, force or power. They cannot be born of that which is impersonal. If God is not a Being (existing, living with qualities which make up personality) there is no such thing as a new birth (Jn 3:1-17; 1 Peter 1:13-25). Many

postmodernists have dropped all references to a new birth because they do not believe in a God who is a Being.

Belief in revelation is folly if one does not believe in a personal God. Why would one believe in the Bible if there was no one who spoke? Belief in God underlies the belief in revelation. Little wonder that many have forsaken the Bible.

Logically there is no personal responsibility if there is only a cosmic force and not a God. If God is a Being and has a personality to which man must conform there is a case which can be made for personal responsibility for each action. God can require of everyone who is of an age of accountability to care for a stewardship granted. For therein God can praise or condemn based on actions taken. If there is no Being called God there is nothing higher in the universe than man. If such is believed then man is his own god. No governmental, social or other sanction can be exercised in an attempt to contain man’s unchecked impulses. Where there is no regard for God there is no intimidation and no respect for God or man. Man will continue to do his own thing without regard for God, in whom he does not believe to exist. He will act inexcusably towards men who are only an equal when exerting more power or force. Society has been guided down a path which teaches that there is no God. Atheistic evolution and agnostic forces have caused the world to deny there is a God.

The breakdown of faith, home, society and religion are inevitable if people are foolish enough to disengage from God. Natural ethics are too weak to withstand the savages who lurk around the world fostering crime of every manner. No society successfully existed or had a moral base without God. Even professed agnostics know that the equation for a society to fail is to leave God out of the equation.

No real religion is possible without a God for judgments can only be made by a Being and not a cosmic force. One can only ascribe moral goodness or badness to something when they believe in a Being. God cannot be ambiguous nor impersonal but infinitely more wise and pure than man. There is a God! He is a Being not a force.

Nature, historical accounts and man only in part testify to the reality of God. It is the inspired Bible we turn to for a complete and final revealing through His words, works and ways. This sacred volume displays His sacredness, glory and attributes. Scriptures give us the creation of our world, it being sustained by His word, redemption of His special creation, man and the hope of a future worthy of living. The Bible presents man’s nature, fall, providence, law and divine grace.

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

Being the last lesson in this month let us look at encouragers and how badly they are needed today. Watching the evening news, we can quickly get a sense that man's search for meaning and happiness had been misguided and unsatisfying. That trend is especially evident among America's youth. The rate of attempted suicide among teens is an indication that they are deeply discouraged. Gang involvement is another clear cry for help. If adolescents do not receive attention and support from parents, they will find it among peers. They desperately want to feel a sense of belonging and to know they matter to others. That desire to belong is so strong that young people will place themselves in great personal jeopardy to satisfy it. Hopelessness is by no means limited to the hormone-driven adolescent years.

Adults frequently exhibit despondency in unhealthy practices such as alcoholism and adultery. In most cases, discouragement does not lead to sinful or embarrassing behavior, but it is invariably disruptive to any sense of normalcy in daily life. The media makes its living by spotlighting extreme examples of human despair, but discouragement can also take milder, less newsworthy forms. Perhaps the most common evidence of hopelessness are garden-variety depression (feeling down-in-the-dumps) and negative attitudes about the ability to change. Far from innocent, these beliefs and emotions lead to self-defeating habits that mire people in unhappiness. Over time, what may appear to be a harmless case of the blues or low self-esteem can ravage a person's ability to function and enjoy life.

Becoming a more encouraging person is simply a matter of choice. Personal growth is more likely to occur in a supportive atmosphere, and encouragers are committed to providing that kind of nurturing environment. The encourager's task is to help people believe in the possibility of improving their character and circumstances with God's help. The encourager's commodities are hopes and faith, and they are freely dispensed at every opportunity.

So let's become an encourager! The process involves the same steps one would employ in developing skills in any life endeavor. First comes the need for knowledge. Second comes the practical matter of mastering the skills necessary to be an effective encourager. If you want to become a more encouraging person, the time to start is now. We must focus on concrete attitudes and actions that through continual use, will help us to achieve lasting personal transformations in our lives. Striving to become a more encouraging person is one of life's most enjoyable and rewarding experiences. Do you want to live life more courageously? Do you want to relate to others more effectively? Then continue leaning on God's Word and what he says about this most important subject.

Jerry McKey

Visualized Bible Study

There are **several items which are required for a Kingdom**. They are a king, authority, territory, law and subjects. The kingdom of Christ was established on these premises and they are currently in place. It would be false to teach of a future kingdom to come.

The Bible teaches that Jesus is king over His kingdom (1 Corinthians 15:23-26), into which we are translated upon our conversion (Colossians 1:12-16). Christ is described as King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelations 17:14; 19:16).

Acts 2:30-37 says "... he would raise up Christ to sit on His **throne**; He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that His soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, Lord said unto my Lord, "...Sit thou on my right hand" [emphasis DH], until I make thy foes thy footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

The area of Jesus' territory is without boundaries. The scriptures say, "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth..." (Matthew 28:18-20). The affairs of the earth are under the Lord's control (Hebrews 1:1-5; 1 Corinthians 10:26).

A kingdom must have some means for order and regulation. The law is the Law of Christ (Galatians 6:2) coupled with the law of the Spirit (Romans 8:1-5) and the perfect law, the law of liberty (James 1:19-27). These laws are set forth in the word of God which will ultimately be used in our judgment (John 12:48, 49). The apostle Paul clearly states that we are under the law of Christ (1 Corinthians 9:21). This New Testament law remains unaltered and is not dated by time or circumstances of any society.

Those who are in the kingdom are the subjects of Christ (1 Peter 3:22). Jew and Gentile, male and female, bond or free are able to be Christ's servants and demonstrate this relationship by obedient faith (Romans 1:1-5; 16:26; 1 Corinthians 9:1-27). Each member is an independent servant and yet dependent on all others (Ephesians 3:1-13). All become fellow-citizens in the kingdom (Ephesians 2:19) and are therefore, conjoined to the foundation by virtue of being a part of the church (Acts 2:47; Ephesians 2:11-21; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31).

Over the years a series of lessons has been upgraded from film strips to Videos. This is "The Visualized Bible Study" by Brother Jule Miller [deceased], Gospel Services Inc. This series has **five, 45 minute** videos that start with Genesis and carry the student through the Bible. One video (#3) has a great lesson, on the kingdom and what it takes for it to exist. If you would like to have another means of teaching your friends the "whole counsel" of God this is an excellent series. We have five sets of videos in the office. You can check them out anytime and use them as a beneficial way of teaching others or yourself. The Bible is accurately and clearly taught and young or old will want to proceed from one section to the next. Because many may want to use these for teaching their friends we ask that you keep one only over night and return it the next day so that others will have an opportunity to show them to their friends.

Don Hatch

Family News:

News at Belt Line.
Call in your information to the office at:
972-790-8606 by Sunday evening.

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

October 2, 2016

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn Renfro

Back foyer: Thomas Rathbun & Nancy Pond

October 9, 2016

Front foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

Back foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

Sermon Titles

October 2, 2016

a.m: "Liberty Not License"

Scripture: Galatians 5:2-12

p.m: "Being Forewarned Is To Be Forearmed"

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20

October 9, 2016

a.m: "Mindful"

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11

p.m: "The Glory"

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-5

Contribution Counters For October

Robert Taylor & Darrell Allen

Communion Preparation For October

Bill & Linda Matthews

**HAVE YOU INVITED
SOMEONE TO WORSHIP
THIS WEEK?**

PRAYER LIST

Ongoing Health Concerns:

Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Dessie Ross, Don and Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton, Diedra Sutton, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Glen Kelly, Mike Garrison, Lauren Roses, Nellie Melvin, Alice Worthy

Homebound Members:

Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

Recovering at Home:

Jerry Grantham's tumor was benign. The tumor is inflamed and she has an infection in the lower stomach. They are treating her with medication.

There are many who are dealing with health issues. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

Upcoming Procedures:

Tandy Garrett will have surgery on Tuesday September 27th.

Janice Daniel's brother-in-law **Norm Audette** will be having surgery today at Baylor, Grapevine.

Mike Garrison will have a scan on Tuesday and Thursday.

Richard and Carolyn Renfro's grandson **Dawson** is having a lot of medical testing done. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Hospital:

Alice Worthy was admitted to Las Colinas Medical Center on Saturday. Please no visitors at this time.

Linda Head's daughter **Debra Gomez** has a brain tumor and will be having surgery today. She is at Texas Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. Please keep this family in your prayers.

The **Garrison's** son **Mack** is in the hospital.

Robert Dodson was taken to the hospital yesterday with chest pains. He was kept overnight.

Prayer Request:

David Odom's brother-in-law **David Treat** has cancer and has requested our prayers.

Mike Hall's cousin **Amy Waltz** has been diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer and has requested our prayers.

Nursing Home:

Elsie Nanney – Avante

Frances Tipton – Arlington Rehab

Max Melton – Northgate Plaza

Military:

Chris and Abigail Mathews

LADIES

Ladies Bible Class will be on Tuesday, **September 27th** at 10:00 a.m. in the Annex. The Topic will be "**Jesus: Eternal, Creator, Sustainer**".

Ladies – please invite your friends and neighbors to attend each Tuesday morning with you.

THANK YOU

I want to thank Bill Matthews for teaching the Wednesday night class in the auditorium in my absence last week. **Don Hatch**

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet **Sunday** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate tracts. Please come help us and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

David West – 9/1
 Jackye Jewett – 9/2
 Dean Webb – 9/4
 Brenda Bryant – 9/7
 Billy Joe Swain – 9/8
 Katherine Cox – 9/8
 Myashia Moore – 9/10
 Jane Easter – 9/10
 Sherry Hodge – 9/13
 Charlotte Burrows – 9/17
 Marcella Porter – 9/20
 Mary Martini – 9/24
 Dessie Ross – 9/26

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Vern & Melody Lundquist – 9/22
 David & Faye West – 9/24
 Brian* & Delisa Banister – 9/30

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Curtis Vaughan:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		10/2/16	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Richard Renfro
· Thomas Rathbun	· Bobby England		· Jerry Baker
· Nathan Allen	· Robert Taylor		· Thomas Rathbun
· Kenny Mayer	· Xavier Kaiser		
· Glen Kelly	· Curtis Vaughan		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
· John Mayer			· Dean Webb
· Purman Cofer			Galatians 5:2-12
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
			· Don Herriage
			· Glen Kelly
			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
			· Alex Mayer
			Ephesians 6:10-20
			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
			· Darrell Allen

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

· Bill Matthews
 · Curtis Vaughan

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

· Thomas Rathbun

A.M. SONG LEADER

· Jerry McKey

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	57	62	63	100
A.M. Worship	96	102	100	150
P.M. Worship	76	65	71	80
Wed. Class	57	61	60	85
Contribution	\$6628	\$5305	\$5383	\$5170

MISSIONS

Glen Tattersall – Australia
Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
Christ's Haven Children's Home – Keller, TX
Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
Ted Lingren – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
Mike Batot – Southwest School of Bible Studies – Austin, TX
Carlos Tario – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
Dolcey Patino – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
Roberto Ortiz – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
Brayden Shelley – Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, TX
Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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